



LADIES FIRST PROVIDER

# NEWSGRAM

TIMELY INFORMATION AS IT OCCURS FROM LADIES FIRST

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## Two Important Things to Note

- Ladies First is required to follow national guidelines (JNC VII). Two blood pressures must be taken and recorded for every Ladies First member screened.
- Ladies First can only pay for cholesterol and glucose blood tests. Please inform the member up front if you plan to order additional tests that Ladies First can not cover.

## Step Aside, Screening Forms

Over the next year, as members enroll or re-enroll, they will receive one or two new Ladies First **Screening Cards**; one for breast and cervical screening, and/or one for cardiovascular screening. They will bring this card(s) to you for their annual visit. These cards will **now be used in place of** the Screening Report Forms. When a member hands one to you, please complete it as you would the Screening Report Form, and fax or mail it to Ladies First within 10 days of the office visit. These cards will make it easier to identify Ladies First members in your office. If a member was sent a card and forgot to bring it, call us.

## Call Us Immediately If...

If members have the following screening results, contact Ladies First immediately:

- Glucose greater than 375
- Blood pressure greater than 180/110
- Cholesterol greater than 400

## A Brand, Spanking New... Billing System

Shortly after the New Year, you will begin Electronic Data Systems (EDS) **billing**. New applications were due to us on October 1st. Please complete and submit your application to Ladies First as soon as possible (thanks if you have gotten it to us already). For now, please continue submitting bills to the Health Department as usual.

## Heart Health Results

Ladies First has been screening members for cardiovascular disease risk factors at community screening clinics. Women also meet with a nutritionist to set lifestyle change goals. After each clinic, we send a copy of the screening results to the member's primary care provider. The results are to inform you that the screening occurred, and to give you a copy of the results for your records.

## New Covered Services and Rates

As of 07/01/2004:

CPT code	Description	Non Facility	Facility
58100	Endometrial biopsy*	\$107.66	\$85.21
99211	Established patient office visit (5 minutes)	\$20.90	\$8.75
99215	Established patient office visit (40 minutes)	\$116.99	\$91.59
99396	Established patient office visit (40-64 years)	\$104.33	\$80.03

\*This is **NEW**, and covered only if the woman has an Atypical Glandular Cells Pap smear

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